

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**JOSEPH MORRIS AND MATTIE T. MORRIS,** §  
§

**Plaintiffs,** §

**VS.** **§**

**CASE NO.: 4:18-cv-03026**

**DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY, §  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, §**

**Defendant.** §

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs Joseph Morris and Mattie T. Morris and Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely in its capacity as Trustee for the IndyMac INDX Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-AR8 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR8 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated May 1, 2006 submit this Joint Status Report regarding the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals’ certified question to the Supreme Court of Texas in *Zepeda v. Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp.*, No. 18-20336, 2019 WL 3820019, 2019 U.S. App. LEXIS 24330 (5th Cir. Aug. 15, 2019).

The Texas Supreme Court accepted the certified question and held oral argument on December 4, 2019. The court has not issued its opinion. The case is styled *Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation v. Sylvia Zepeda*, and the case number is 19-0712.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon all counsel of record on February 24, 2020, in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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